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SUBJ: ASIAN BUS MANUFACTURING

REF: A. STATE 147152

B. SINGAPORE 2654

1. EMBASSOFF DISCUSSED SUBJECT WITH HOCHSTADT JULY 10.
HOCHSTADT NOTED THAT SITHAWALLA HAD ALREADY DISCUSSED
CONCEPT REPORTED REF B WITH ASEAN COLLEAGUES WHO WERE
"QUITE KEEN ON THE IDEA IN GENERAL".

2. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS CONTAINED REF A HOCHSTADT
RESPONDED AS FOLLOWS:

A) GOS IS QUITE OPEN TO SUGGESTION REGARDING
ARRANGEMENT WHEREBY US MANUFACTURER WOULD PROVIDE
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL MANUFACTURING OPERATIONS.
HE BELIEVES INCLUSION OF A TECHNICAL "CHAP" IN THE
TEAM WOULD PERMIT DISCUSSION OF THIS POSSIBILITY
WITH THE VARIOUS GOVERNMENTS.

B) GOS INTEREST IN AN AMERICAN FIRM BUILDING A
PLANT FOR LOCAL PRODUCTION IS QUITE POSSIBLE, DE-
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PENDING ON THE PROPOSAL; HOWEVER, IF THE PROJECT IS

TO HAVE REGIONAL ACCEPTANCE, OTHER ASEAN COUNTRIES
WOULD WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PRODUCTION (SEE REF B).

C) IMPORTING COMPONENTS FOR LOCAL ASSEMBLY IS THE
SITUATION NOW, BOTH IN SINGAPORE AND IN OTHER ASEAN
COUNTRIES; HOWEVER, IF THE PROJECT WERE TO MOVE FOR-
WARD, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SOME COMPONENTS WOULD CON-
TINUE TO BE IMPORTED AT LEAST TEMPORARILY.

D) FOR GOS TO INITIATE REQUEST FOR VISIT BY INDUSTRY
TEAM MIGHT BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE FOR REGIONAL ACCEPTANCE
OF PROJECT. (I.E. HOCHSTADT FEELS GOS SHOULD NOT BE
OUT IN FRONT.) HE RECOMMENDS THAT A PERSONAL LETTER FROM
BOURGIN TO HOCHSTADT SHOULD DISCUSS THE ABOVE DETAILS AND
HOW THE TEAM MIGHT BE COMPOSED. GOS WOULD USE THIS AS
BASIS FOR ASEAN CONSIDERATION TO GENERATE ASEAN RATHER
THAN GOS INVITATION.

3. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS BEST NEXT STEP IS FOR BOURGIN
TO SEND HOCHSTADT LETTER OFFERING TO SEND INDUSTRY TEAM AND
DISCUSSING POSSIBLE COMPOSITION OF TEAM FOR EXPLORATION OF
OPTIONS AVAILABLE, THE MORE DETAIL THIS HAS THE MORE USEFUL
IT WOULD BE IN GENERATING ASEAN INTEREST.
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